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Sir Asutosh Mookerjee

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

I. INDIAN CULTURE

A History of Indian Literature, by M Winternitz, Ph D
*Translated into English from the original German by
Mrs S Ketkar and revised by the Author The only
authorised translation into English*

This monumental work of the late Prof Winternitz is too well-known to need any introduction to the public In order to make it accessible to those interested in Indian Literature but not well-versed in German, the Calcutta University undertook the publication of an English version In order to bring the work up to date the author revised the whole work for the English translation Many chapters have been re-written entirely, smaller changes, corrections and additions have been made almost on every page and the more important publications of the last twenty years have been added to the references in the Notes Thus the English translation is at the same time a second, revised and improved edition of the original work

Vol I Introduction, the Veda, the National Epics, the Puranas and the Tantras *Demy 8vo pp 653
Rs 10-8*

Vol II Buddhist Literature and Jaina Literature *Demy 8vo pp 673 Rs 12-0*

Vols I and II are the translations of the original German works with notes *revised by the author* and published during his lifetime The sections of Indian Literature not covered by the two volumes already published will be dealt with in a separate volume which is under preparation

Some Problems of Indian Literature (*Readership Lectures delivered at the University*), by the same author *Royal 8vo pp 130 Rs 2-8*

Contents The Age of the Veda Ascetic Literature in Ancient India Ancient Indian Ballad Poetry Indian Literature and World-Literature—Kautilya Arthasastha Bhasa

Sino-Indica, by Prabodhchandra Bagchi, M A , D Lit.

Dr Bagchi has undertaken a series of publications called *Sino-Indica*. The work is a study of Chinese documents relating to India. As the researches were begun in France the volumes had to be written in French.

Vol I *Le Canon Bouddhique en Chine, Tome I (In French)* Royal 8vo pp lx+436 Rs 15-0

It is the first systematic work which deals with the history of translations of Buddhist texts into Chinese and then translators. The work contains the biographies of all Indian, Iranian, Sogdian and other monks who went to China in the early centuries of the Christian era. A history of their activities, as preserved in the Chinese documents, is given. The first part covers a period of six hundred years, first century A D to sixth century (589) A D.

Le Canon Bouddhique en Chine, Tome I—"The author has brought together everything he could on the biographical notices of the translators and gives a register of their works. The large number of references to the literature that might come in question is to be specially congratulated. This assiduous work will have the recognition everywhere which it deserves (Translated from German—*Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, 1929, 2.)

"His important work does honour to him and his teachers a fresh proof of the eminent talents of the Bengali race" (From French—*Revue Bibliographique*, 1928, October, Bruxelles.)

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Vol II *Deux Lexiques Sanskrit-Chinois, Tome I Double Crown 8vo pp 336 Rs 15-0*

It is a critical edition of two ancient Sanskrit-Chinese lexicons of the sixth and seventh centuries A D, compiled by a Ser-Indian monk, Li-yen, and a Chinese monk, the famous Yi-tsing. The work has been enriched with notes added by Prof Paul Pelliot, Membre de l'Institut de France, Professor in College de France.

Vol III *Deux Lexiques Sanskrit-Chinois, Tome II Double Crown 8vo pp 204 Rs 15-0*

The second part of the *Deux Lexiques Sanskrit-Chinois* contains a detailed study of five Sanskrit-Chinese dictionaries which have been preserved in the Chinese Tripitaka. These are—the *Pan yu tsa ming* of Li-yen, the *Pan yu ts'ien tseu wen* of Yi-tsing, the *T'ang fan wen tseu* of Ts'uan-tchen, the *Pan T'ang siao si* and the *T'ang fan tseng yu chouang touei tsi*, all of which were compiled in the seventh and eighth centuries A D. Dr. Bagchi has discussed the problems raised by these vocabularies, their authenticity, the biography of the authors, the Prakritic, Iranian, and Central Asiatic elements in the vocabulary, the method of Chinese transcription, etc. A detailed Chinese-Sanskrit index containing more than two thousand words supplies the basis for future Sino-Sanskrit lexicographical works.

This work is of capital interest to students of Buddhism, of Indian history, to Sinologists, to linguists and to all those who are interested in the early history of cultural exchange between China and India.

Vol IV *Le Canon Bouddhique en Chine. Tome II Royal 8vo pp 306 Rs 15-0*

It contains a history of the Chinese Buddhist literature from the seventh to the thirteenth century A D.

The work will be completed with detailed indexes in a separate volume which is now in the press.

The Evolution of Indian Polity, by R. Shama Sastri, B A Ph D, M R A S, Curator, Government Oriental Library, Mysore. *Demy 8vo pp 192 (Slightly damaged) Reduced price Rs 4-8*

Contains a connected history of the growth and development of political institutions in India, compiled mainly from the Hindu Sastras. The author being the famous discoverer and translator of the *Kautilya Arthashastra*, it may be no exaggeration to call him one of the authorities on Indian Polity.

Contents I Tribal State of Society II Elective Monarchy III The Origin of the Kshatriyas IV The People's Assembly V The Duties and Prerogatives of the Kings and Priests VI The Effect of Jainism and Buddhism on the Political Condition of India VII The Empire-building policy of the Politicians of the Kautilya Period VIII Espionage IX Theocratic Despotism X The Condition of the People Intellectual, Spiritual and Economical

" The titles of the lectures will indicate the wealth of information contained in them. Some of the facts mentioned by Mr Sastri will be an eye opener to most people, who are fond of imagining that Indians have always been 'vain dreamers of an empty day, occupying themselves with things of the Great Beyond, supremely contemptuous of mundane affairs regarding them as *Maya* illusion. All desirous of knowing the conditions of life in Ancient India should read carefully this fascinating volume, which is one more evidence of the splendid work that the Post Graduate teachers of the Calcutta University are doing.' *Hindustan Review*

Social Organisation in North-East India in Buddha's Time, by Richard Fick (*translated by Sisir Kumar Maitra, M.A. Ph.D.*) Demy 8vo pp 390 Rs 7-8
(Out of print)

Dr Fick's *Die Sociale Gliederung im Nordöstlichen Indien zu Buddhas Zeit* has, for many years, been of invaluable assistance to all interested in the social and administrative history of Buddhist India. But those ignorant of German were unable to make use of that book and their vain gratitude will be extended to Dr Maitra for his eminently readable translation. The book is too well known to need any review, suffice it to say that the translation is worthy of the book. Now that this scholarly work is made available in English, it should find a larger circulation."—*Hindustan Review*

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Chapter II *General View of the Castes* The Brahmanical Caste-Theory in the Pali canon—Theoretical discussions about the worthlessness of the caste. The Essential characteristics of castes

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Pre-Historic India, by Panchanan Mitra, M A , Ph D *Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged* Demy 8vo pp 542 (with 53 plates) Rs 7-0 (Out of print)

Some Contributions of South India to Indian Culture (*Readership Lectures in the Calcutta University*), by S Krishnaswami Aiyangar, M A , Ph D , Professor of Indian History and Archaeology in the University of Madras (Out of print) Revised edition in the press

Indian Cultural Influence in Cambodia, by B R Chatterji, D Litt (Panjab), Ph D (London) Demy 8vo pp 303 Rs 6-0

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(For details see Catalogue of books in Bengali)

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texts in the monastic libraries of Upper Burma, and of hitherto unrecognised representations of gods and goddesses belonging to the Mahayana and its allied pantheons

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" a conscientious and well informed scholar you have shown in it a marked ability for historical research above all you have shown a remarkable degree of judgment and caution in drawing your conclusions your book may be regarded as an important contribution to our knowledge "—*J Ph Vogel, Prof of Indian History and Archaeology, University of Leiden*

Pāṇiniya-Sikṣa or the Śikṣā-Vedāṅga ascribed to Pāṇini.
edited by Manomohan Ghosh, M A , Kavvatntha Demy
8vo pp lxxvi + 90 Rs 3-0

This text being the most ancient work on Vedic (Indo Aryan) phonetics (*Śikṣā*) has been critically edited in all its five recensions with an introduction, translation and notes together with its two commentaries. In the introduction the editor discusses among other things briefly the evolution of the six branches of auxiliary Vedic studies known as the six Vedāṅgas and has treated in full the origin and development of the study of Phonetics (*Śikṣā*) which has been considered one of the important branches of modern Linguistics. Besides this the editor discusses here the antiquity of Pāṇini and throws some fresh light on the date of this great grammarian who is supposed to be the author of the *Śikṣā*.

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D Litt

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Adwaitavad (in Bengali), by Kokileswar Sastri Vidyaratna,
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Chakravarti, M A , B L Royal 810 pp 288 Rs 4-0

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"The book will be welcomed by all students of Indian philosophy."

Vedantaparibhasha, edited by Mahamahopadhyay Anantakrishna Sastri. *With a Foreword by Prof. Sri S. Radhakrishnan, M.A.* Second and Enlarged Edition. Royal 8vo pp 529 Rs 6-0

The work is a systematic exposition and defence of the Advaita theory of knowledge by Dhammarāja (17th century A.D.). It has eight chapters in which important problems of Advaita philosophy, such as the nature of the pramāṇas, grades of reality or to be more accurate unreality, the relation of Brahman, Īśvara and Jīva, the nature and status of the world, the relation of māyā and avidyā, salvation and the way to attain it, have been discussed with great care and cleverness. The present edition contains the text as well as an excellent commentary (Pañbhāṣā-Prakāśikā) by Mahamahopadhyay Pandit A. K. Sastri, who has attempted to interpret the Pañbhāṣā in a most lucid way with pertinent illustrations and has critically discussed the views of the different schools of Advaitavada. The book will prove of immense value to Tols and Colleges where Vedānta Philosophy is studied.

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a considerable step towards a universal and at the same time harmonious
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gruity I readily confess having learnt a lot of things from the luminous
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A. Berriedale Keith, of the Edinburgh University, writes — The work is a very clear and effective exposition of one view of the Anātman doctrine, and will be most useful on that account "

E J Thomas, Deputy Librarian of the Cambridge University, writes —
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Buddhi-o-Bodhi (in Bengali), by Hnendranath Datta, M A
B L Demy 8vo pp 76 1941 As 8

In this work the author after showing the inability of the human intellect to reach Reality and solve such fundamental problems as the nature of God, the Over Soul and the Individual Soul, points out that, that does not mean that we are to be positivists or agnostics. Because, above and beyond intellect there is another faculty in us latent in most men namely Bodhi or Intuition. After defining what Bodhi is the author accumulates proofs regarding its existence and then deals with the problem as to how to open up this higher layer of Consciousness and what results ensue on such development. He ends on an optimistic note showing how one endowed with a developed Bodhi is above not only to know God but to merge his soul in the Over Soul thus becoming one with the Divine Life. That is the immersion in God which the mystics have experienced.

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আমি এই চিন্তা ছবিগুলি পুনরায় দেখিয়া এবং চিত্রিত ছড়াগুলি আবার শুনিয়া মনে করিলাম, যেন বহুদিন ঘোর বিদেশে পড়াটন করিয়া আবার নিজ ঘরের আঙিনায় আনিয়া দাঁড়াইলাম। সহরের নিরদ ইষ্টক গৃহ, প্রস্তর স্তম্ভ, ইট সুরকী ও পাথরের পথ এই লীলা-কথা শুনিবার উপযুক্ত স্থান নহে। কোথায় সেই আন-বাঁঠালের ছায়া দীপ্ত নুটিয়, কোথায় সেই অবাধ উদ্ভূত নীলাখর, কোথায় সেই কাকচন্দ্র নির্মল দোহি, বৃক্ষ পত্রের মর্দর ও ধূলপল্লবের পরিশীলন সিঁদু বাতাস? এইরূপ পরিবেষ্টনীর মধ্যে প্রকৃত কর্ণে রাখাধূয়ের লীলা প্রতিষ্ঠিত মনুত। বহুদিনের পরে সেই নকল হারানো মাণিকের মত কেলিকম্ব লাল, নৌ-বিহার এবং নেশালা মাঘের দানবের কানুর কথা, সেই তাড়কা বব লীলা—যেখানে এমনি মুনির রান্নার ভয়ে ভীত দেখিয়া পাতার আড়ালে লুকাইয়া রাখিয়াছিলেন সেই নকল গল্প পড়িয়া যে আনন্দ পাইলান তাহা কি ভাষায় প্রকাশ করিব। বঙ্গের পাড়াগাঁয়ের এই আনন্দ শিকিত সমাজে পরিবেশন করা এখন শত হইয়া পড়িয়াছে, নেকালে যে বিশ্বাস বস্তু ছিল—সে বিশ্বাস বস্তু আমরা এখন হারাইয়া দেখিয়াছি। কিন্তু গুণসম্বন্ধ মত তাঁহার প্রতিভাবলে দৈব রূপার তাঁহার নাটুত্বমিকে চিনিয়াছেন। এখানকার প্রতি স্থানচর্য্যাবলি, প্রতি ছড়াটি পাঁচালী তাঁহার গুণ প্রিয় নহে, এগুলি তাঁহার চক্ষে পবিত্র। আমি তাঁহার মত সন্দেহভক্ত খুব কমই দেখিয়াছি। এখন যাহারা সন্দেহের ভালবাসা লইয়া বড় বড় বস্তুতা করেন, এবং সঙ্গীত রচনা করেন, তাঁহাদের অনেকই এ দেশকে নগ্ন মনে ঘৃণা করেন, তাঁহারা বৃত্তি চারদ ছাড়িয়া টুপি প্যাটিলন চালাইবার পক্ষপাতী, গদ্যাক্ষরকে কর্দমাক্ত মনে করিয়া তাহা উপেক্ষা করেন, নদীর তীরে যে নকল কাঁচখচিত মঠ মন্দির এখনও ভ্রাম্যস্থায় বিজ্ঞান—তাঁহার স্থলে বুম উল্কারী নিলেব শোভা দেখিয়া পাঁচালী বিজ্ঞানের প্রশংসায় শতনুধ হন, অথচ তাঁহারা সন্দেহভক্ত। তাঁহারা পণ্ডিত হইতে পারেন, কিন্তু সেইরূপ শত পণ্ডিত অপেক্ষা আমার বঙ্গজননীর একটি প্রেমিক গুণসম্বন্ধকে আমরা বেশী শ্রদ্ধা করি। তিনি বাংলার নৃত্য-কলার জগৎচোড়া সম্মান দান করিয়াছেন, পটুয়াদের অমূল্য অবজ্ঞাত কলা শিল্পের মধ্যমা দিয়াছেন এবং শতশত কর্দমাক্তপদ, নরদেহ চাষাকে আলিঙ্গন করিয়া তাঁহাদের প্রতি তাঁহার সত্যিকার আত্মবোধ দেখাইয়াছেন। আজকাল বাংলার অনেক গুরু জন্মিয়াছেন, পথে-ঘাটে তাঁহারা বস্তুতা করিয়া বেড়াইতেছেন, কিন্তু গুণসম্বন্ধ এই গুণবুলের সেবা গুরু, ইনি নিজের দেশকে নিজের বুঝিয়াছেন এবং নাটুত্বমির গৌরবের ঢাকা মাধায় পরিয়া জগতে তাহার বিজয়-বার্তা প্রচার করিতেছেন। তাঁহার এই পটুয়া সঙ্গীতখানি আমি ঘোল খান মোহরের মূল্য দিয়া মাধায় রাখিলাম। কাণে এক সময়ে এই নকল গান আমার হৃদয়ে দিন-রাত্রি বদ্ধ হইত এবং আমি ইহাদের ভাবে বিভোর ছিলাম। এই পুস্তক সেই হারানো দিনের বঙ্গ আমার হৃদয়ে জাগাইয়া দিয়াছে। আমি কৃষ্ণের বাঁধীর সুর, রাখার প্রাণচালা প্রেম, গোপীর অন্নমধুর পরিধান—লক্ষণের জাতিপ্রেম, এবং মনসা দেবীর ক্লাস্তিহীন বাৎসল্য, ও নেকের প্রতি অনুরাগ—এই পুস্তকখানিতে চিত্রকলকের ছায়া অঙ্কিত দেখিতে পাইয়াছি। তাঁহারা আমার বাল্যের আনন্দকলা, যৌবনের কল্পনা ও রম্যবাদের সামগ্রী ছিল, এবং এই বার্ষিক্যেও যেন হৃদয়ের পুরাতন সরসতা ও সবুজভাবের জোগান দিতেছে।

আর একটি বড় কথা যাহা গুণসম্বন্ধ ভূমিকা বলিয়াছেন তাহা বাঙ্গালী কবে বুঝিবে? যে জনসাধারণকে আমরা এতদিন অবজ্ঞা করিয়া আসিয়াছি, তাহারা ই বাঙ্গালার সংস্কৃতি ও বৈশিষ্ট্য বজায় রাখিয়াছে। যুগে যুগে সংস্কৃত, পালী, পারসী ও আরবী আমাদিগকে আক্রমণ করিয়াছে, কিন্তু আমাদের প্রবল জনশক্তি সে সকল আক্রমণ চেলিয়া ফেলিয়া বঙ্গের সংস্কৃতি বজায় রাখিয়াছে। তাহা পৌড়া ব্রাহ্মণকে মানে নাই, মোল্লা ও মোলভিকে মানে নাই, তীর্থঙ্কর ও শ্রমণের পাণ্ডিত্য মানে নাই, কিন্তু অদ্ভুত ও অগুরু অশুদ্ধি বলে তাহা বস্তুর স্বরূপ আবিষ্কার করিয়াছে। কিছুতেই তাঁহাদের চোখের দৃষ্টি ঝাপসা করিতে পারে নাই। গুণসম্বন্ধ আমাদের জনসাধারণের এই দুর্বীর শক্তি একবার সহিত দেখিয়া যে ভূমিকাটি লিখিয়াছেন, তাহা ক্ষুদ্র হইলেও মনির ছায়া মূল্যবান। আমি প্রাচীন সাহিত্যে যতই চর্চা করিতেছি, ততই এই জন-সাধারণের শক্তি হৃদয়ঙ্গম করিতেছি। ধনার বচনে মানুষের বুদ্ধিকে একেবারে ধোঁড়া করিয়া রাখিয়াছে, অমুক দিনে অমুক ভিথিতে অমুক জিনিষ থাকিতে নাই, অমুক দিন নূতন কাপড় পরিতে নাই, অমুক দিন ধোঁপাকে কাপড় দিতে নাই, শুভাশুভ দিনের যে কত সূক্ষ্ম বিচার আছে, তাহার কথা আর কি বলিব। এই বচনগুলি বাঙ্গালার সমাজকে লৌহ নিগড়ে বাঁধিয়া রাখিয়াছে, কিন্তু বাংলার

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